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## TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

### GERMAN ATTEMPT TO RUSH THE BRITISH LINE.

AN ENTERPRISE WHICH HOPELESSLY FAILED.

Compulsory Service: a Strong Official Hint.

[GERMAN SOCIALISTS OPPOSE WAR CREDIT.]

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

MR. ASQUITH'S SPEECH.

A WORD TO THE SLACKERS.

December 21, 7.05 p.m.

The deepest interest was manifested in Mr. Asquith's speech in the House of Commons. The galleries were crowded and Lord Derby and Sir John Fisher sat above the clock.

Mr. Asquith stated that the men from Anzac would, after a much-needed rest, proceed to a new theatre of war. He paid a warm tribute to General Munro and General Birdwood, and, passing to the Western front, to Field Marshal Viscount French and General Sir Douglas Haig. He expressed appreciation of Lord Derby's efforts and spoke of the response from all parts of the Empire, which, he said, was a commentary on the lethargy shown by some at home. Let the hangers-back, said Mr. Asquith, seize the opportunity even now and follow the example patriotically set by the great mass of the country.

Mr. Asquith said he hoped the Paris Conference would lead to greater concentration of purpose, co-ordination of plans, and common energy and effectiveness of action. There had been in this war an abundance of errors and miscalculation, but these were not confined to our side. The Allies had never wavered for a moment, and now the fighting forces, both in men and material, were becoming more ample in quantity every month and were better mobilised and organised for campaigning.

SIR EDWARD CARSON'S CRITICISM.

December 22, 3.35 a.m.

The House of Commons continued its sitting all night.

Sir Edward Carson said the only criticism he had to make was that the vote came too late and was not large enough. He declared that trade must spare the necessary men, and, referring to Mr. Redmond's speech, said he did not believe that Ireland would hesitate to join in whatever measures were necessary to finish the war.

WHAT BRITAIN HAS DONE.

Mr. Enciman said that we could only pay for munitions produced abroad by safeguarding our exports, and unless the latter were kept up we should damage the cause of the Allies as much as if we failed to put another million men in the field. It was easy to underestimate Britain's war burden, but if we had not cleared the German cruisers off the seas, the Allies would not have lasted six months. Moreover, where would the Allies have been without British credit behind them, and the British industries which had been maintained in a state of efficiency?

AMERICA AND AUSTRIA.

A SECOND NOTE.

December 22, 1.30 p.m.

A message from Washington states that the second United States Note to Austria concerning the sinking of the *Anconia* is very brief. It declares that the admission by the Austrian Admiralty that the liner was torpedoed after she was stopped, while passengers were still aboard, alone justifies the American demands, and concludes by saying that the continued good relations between the two countries depends on the action of Austria.

## TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

### COMPULSORY SERVICE.

MR. ASQUITH'S POINTED HINT.

December 22, 1.29 a.m.

In the House of Commons, after a long succession of speakers arguing for and against conscription, Mr. Tennant and Mr. Asquith had indicated that if certain conditions as regards recruiting were not fulfilled, the steps taken in the past might have to be substituted by others, and the Government might have to ask for further powers.

Mr. Fawcett said that he did not wish to foreshadow what those powers would be, but the Government should feel that in asking for those powers they had behind them not only a vast majority in the House of Commons, but also of the people outside. Mr. Tennant appealed to the Nationalists to throw in their lot with the Government in their efforts to bring the war to the only possible termination conceivable.

### GERMAN WAR CREDITS.

OPPOSED BY SOCIALISTS.

December 23, 7.35 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam states that the Reichstag has approved the third reading of the war credit of £500,000,000, a number of Socialists voting against it. The House adjourned until January 11.

In the course of the debate, a statement on behalf of the Socialist Party was read, regretting the lack of response to its approaches to the workers of other countries with a view to restoring peace in Europe, which they so eagerly desired. The statement declared that it was the duty of Germans to continue the war, but it insisted on an adequate maintenance of the families of soldiers and the feeding of the poor, and protested against the plans of conquest.

Herr Edert said he hoped every chance would be seized to negotiate for peace.

Herr Geyer, on behalf of nineteen Socialists, said the German politicians who were working for annexation were the greatest obstacles to peace negotiations. Dr. Barthmann-Hollweg in his speech on the 9th inst. supported this dangerous policy, and therefore Herr Geyer and his comrades refused to vote for the war credits.

### THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

#### GERMANS SUFFER HEAVILY.

December 23, 7.35 a.m.

The Press Bureau issues a report from Headquarters which states that there were bombing engagements last evening about the quines north of Loos and a considerable enemy fusillade opposite Armentières, where some mine craters are being disrupted. There was also considerable hostile shelling to the north of Loos and about Ypres, we retaliated.

The enemy artillery was to-day active in some places but our guns retaliated effectively. The enemy on two occasions made attempts to occupy craters opposite Armentières, but both attacks were repelled after stubborn bombing contests, during which the enemy exposed himself freely and lost heavily.

#### GERMAN SURPRISE EFFORT FAILS.

December 22, 4.00 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at the British Headquarters, describing Sandy's German failure north-east of Ypres, says it is clear that the Germans hoped to surprise us. At least, colour is lent to this view by their failure to press the infantry assault.

The attack was made early in the morning, when least resistance might have been expected. Soco gas was seen coming, and our artillery poured grape and high explosives into it, in order to scatter the column which might have been massed behind. However, the German rush was spent before it reached the parapet. A deafening artillery duel followed.

When the fog of debris had been cleared, two capacious craters were revealed near the Ypres-Armentières railway line, and, like swarms of insects, tiny green figures were seen wriggling thither, but they steadily melted before the fusillade of rifle and machine-grenade fire without getting closer. Finally, the British occupied the craters.

The correspondent adds that our bombers have been increasingly active and daring, and this form of warfare is frankly distasteful to the enemy. The individual superiority of our men over the steadily deteriorating enemy is daily becoming more marked.

### AMERICAN SECURITIES.

#### A BRITISH INVITATION.

December 23, 7.35 a.m.

An invitation to sell or lend American securities to the Government is gazetted. The wording of the announcement appears to indicate that the amount at present required is already largely assured by tenders from insurance and Trust Companies.

## TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

### CAPTURED BRITISHERS.

A MATTER FOR PERSIA.

December 23, 7.35 a.m.

In the House of Commons, Lord Robert Cecil, in reply to Sir E. Cornwall, said it had been decided to leave the question as to how the release of the Britshers captured at Shiraz can be secured to the Persian Government. We, however, should carefully watch any developments.

### BRITISH SUBMARINE'S GOOD WORK.

December 23, 7.35 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Athens states that a British submarine sank the German steamer *Hercs* and other craft in the Sea of Marmara.

### BOMBARDMENT OF VARNA.

#### SIXTEEN RUSSIAN TRANSPORTS WAITING.

December 23, 7.35 a.m.

It is learned from diplomatic sources that Russian squadrons are bombing Varna and that there are sixteen transports full of troops in the offing.

### THE ANZAC EVACUATION.

#### AUSTRALASIANS TAKE IT CALMLY.

December 22, 2.20 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Melbourne states that the withdrawal of the troops from Anzac has not shaken the determination of the Australians to see the war through.

The Premier, Mr. Hughes, says: "Australia will be in the war till victory is final, complete and overwhelming for the Allies. The evacuation serves to spur our resolute purpose."

Reuter's correspondent at Wellington telegraphs that Mr. Massey, the Premier, says it is better to face the position and be done with it than to proceed with an enterprise which is commonly believed to be an error of judgment. He deprecated enthusiasm and unanimity and urged the necessity of presenting a united front to the enemy.

### FRENCH NATIVE ARMY.

(Hoxas Telegram.)

December 20.

The President of the French Republic yesterday signed a Decree authorising the natives of the French Colonies and Dominions to contract an engagement for 18 years in a Corps of the Army determined by the Secretary of War and outside their Colony. This Decree is to be put into force in Indo-China, Madagascar, Central Africa, Somaliland Coast, New Caledonia and Oceania.

If the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on the Extra.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

### THE ARMY ESTIMATE.

#### MR. ASQUITH'S IMPORTANT SPEECH.

December 21, 5.10 p.m.

In the House of Commons, after animated discussion, Mr. Asquith moved an estimate for an additional million men, and announced that, at the end of sixteen months, Britain had a fighting force of one and a quarter millions in the various theatres of war determined by the Secretary of War and outside their Colony. This Decree is to be put into force in Indo-China, Madagascar, Central Africa, Somaliland Coast, New Caledonia and Oceania.

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A British Headquarter report shows that there has been considerable activity round Ypres, Loos and Armentières.

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TO-DAY.

Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.  
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.  
Dance at Hongkong Hotel.

Saturday, December 25.  
Christmas Day: Public Holiday.

Monday, December 27.  
Boxing Day: Public Holiday.

Dance at Hongkong Hotel.

### ESTIMATES PASSED WITHOUT DIVISION.

December 22, 6.00 a.m.

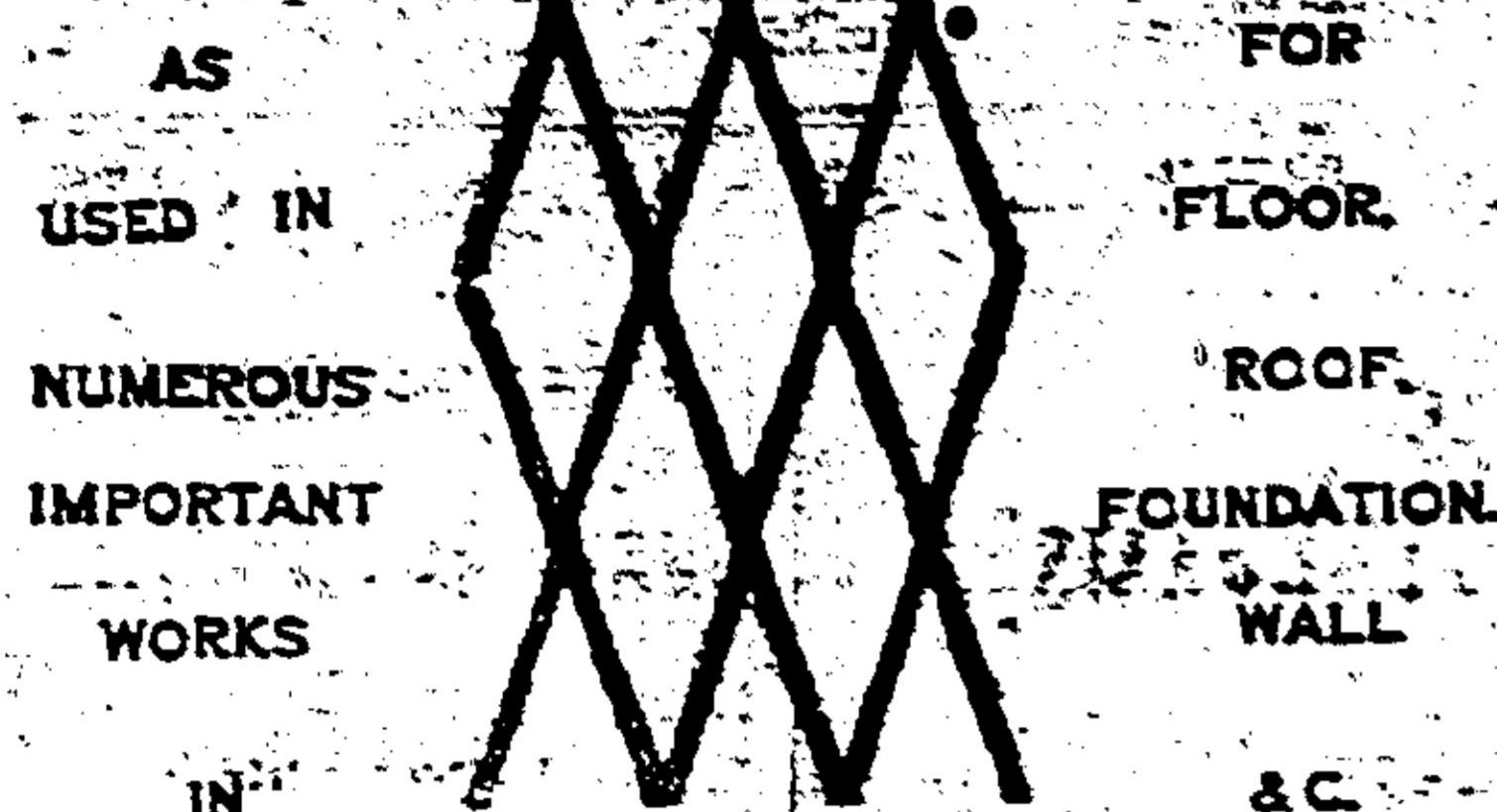
After an all night sitting the House of Commons voted the Army estimate without dividing.

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The Duration of the War.—Nine months ago the distinguished Field Marshal who commanded the British Army in Flanders and France informed that the protractedness of the war depended entirely upon the supply of men and munitions, and last week in taking his farewell of the Army on the Continent the Field Marshal expressed his conviction that a glorious ending to their heroic struggle is not far distant. About the same time Lord Derby, who has rendered yeoman service to the State by his recruiting organization, was telling a public meeting in London that probably the end of the war would come sooner than many people believed. We do not regard these utterances as the expression of mere pious hopes. In the speech of Mr. Lloyd George in the House of Commons on Monday, on the subject of the armament increase in the output of munitions, taken in conjunction with what we have recently been told in the cables regarding the enormous addition which has been made to the numerical strength of the British Army.

South China Morning Post  
War's Machinery

No more eloquent testimony to the resourcefulness of the British people has ever been uttered than that contained in the statement made in the House of Commons this week by Mr. Lloyd George. H. Germany's successes in the war have been due to the timidity of the Allies in organizing an developing their mechanical resources, the fault once recognized and brought home to the people, has been remedied in a manner which reads more like a fairy tale than a solid fact. But fact it is and our position to-day, when compared with that of the enemy, is reversed from hopeless inferiority to one of marked superiority. The national factories created by the Ministry, and controlled by prominent business men have proved a conspicuous success and are coping with the prodigious expenditure of munitions in a degree hitherto undreamed of.

Daily Press

The Late Sir Thomas Jackson.—The news was received in the Colony yesterday with very sincere regret that Sir Thomas Jackson Hart had suddenly died in London on the 21st instant. The deceased gentleman was probably the greatest engineer which this Colony has ever known. It was at the time of great commercial depression, when several bar Eastern Banks failed, that the fortunes of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation were committed to his care. Despite its capital of two and a half millions dollars and its influential Directors, the Bank had passed through many vicissitudes, culminating in 1874-5 in insolvency to pay a dividend. Mr. Jackson, as he was then, took control in 1876 and informed his colleagues of the emergency and the urgent action required to turn the tide of the corporation until it became the strongest institution of its kind in the Far East. He continued to act as Chief Manager until 1902—a period of twenty-six years, when he retired to England and accepted the position of Chairman of the London Cosmopolitan. In that time the reserve fund was increased from \$250,000 to \$1,250,000—a splendid monument to his able management.

American Killer in India.—Los Angeles, November 1.—Reports that Mr. W. H. Ward, formerly of Los Angeles, has been assassinated in Calcutta, India, while en route to Mexico, were received in Los Angeles yesterday. His remains were presented to the Consulate of India.

## GENERAL NEWS.

A Newspaper's Record.  
Up to the end of October fifty-five employees of the Birmingham Daily Post and Mail were serving in the Navy or Army. This is a very large percentage of those of serviceable age, as of the staff of about 350, a very considerable number have over forty years of age.

Ballot Frauds in America.  
Pittsburgh, November 8.—The grand jury, which is investigating allegations of fraud and ballot-box tampering at the primary election here in September, today returned thirty-four indictments, charging malfeasance and conspiracy against election officials in two wards, and others involved in the irregularities.

U. S. Republican National Committee.

Washington, December 15.—The Republican National Committee has decided to hold the next republican national convention, of which candidates for president and vice president are to be nominated, on Wednesday, June 7, 1917, at Chicago. The democratic national convention will be held at St. Louis, June 14.

Soldiers in the Philippines Not Permitted to Box.

As a result of an investigation by the army authorities, it is learned from a reliable source says the Manila Bulletin, that General Barry has issued a letter to each company commander calling their attention to strictly enforce the order against soldiers fighting, and placing upon them the responsibility of following the rule to the letter.

The Philippine Constabulary Band.

Honolulu, December 15.—An immense throng turned out to hear the constabulary band last night, which was en route for Manila on the transport Sherman, and which gave a special concert under the leadership of Captain Loving. Captain Loving is about to retire from the constabulary on account of physical disability.

Brigadiers in West China.

Cosmopolitan, November 29.—The British Consul, at the request of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs, has notified British and American subjects that owing to the present exceptional prevalence of brigandage in Szechuan, everybody should notify the Chinese authorities when they intend to travel or transport goods in order that proper protection may be afforded en route.

The King's New Decisions.

The Gilbert and Ellice Islands, in the Pacific Ocean, which already had been proclaimed British Protectorates, have, by the desire of the native Government, been annexed to his Majesty's Dominions by Order in Council. The Order, which was approved at a meeting of the Privy Council, was published in the London Gazette of November 12. There are sixteen islands in the Gilbert and nine in the Ellice Group. The Gilbert Islands were declared a Protectorate in May, 1882, and the Ellice Islands a Protectorate in September of the same year.

New Opium is Smuggled to Hongkong.

Calcutta, November 20.—On Friday, the Magistrate heard the case in which Koong Thai, a Chinese and intending passenger by the s.s. Kun Sung for Hongkong, was arrested by Agents Mandell and Vaillant of the Customs Preventive Force, for having in his possession five scars of opium, without a pass or licence, concealed in a double-bottomed basket found in a dugout when the accused was proceeding to the steamer lying off Chanchip Ghat. The officers minutely examined all his luggage and when they came upon the basket, they noted that the bottom was rather thick and on probing it with a bug nail, they got a strong smell of opium. They then tore open the basket and the basket had found inside five scars of opium. The Court committed the accused and sentenced him to four months imprisonment. Justice Deo Dass.

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## PLAQUE PREVENTION.

A Report of Interest to Hongkong.

Some idea of the good work which is being performed by the North Manchurian Plague Prevention Service may be gathered from the third annual report of Dr. Wu Lien Teh, its director and chief medical officer says the *L. and C. Express*. Although there has been no severe outbreak of the dreaded disease since 1910-11, it is of the utmost importance that no precautions that it is possible to take should be neglected; and that the authorities should be fully prepared to take effective control in the event of an epidemic. Plague made its appearance during the past year in the southern provinces of China, in Japan, India, Siberia, Hongkong, Shanghai, and elsewhere, but Manchuria remained entirely free. This makes the fifth consecutive year in which the pest has not occurred throughout these Provinces. As Dr. Wu remarks, experience has proved that it is only by continually drawing attention to the advantages of a hygienic life among all classes of the community, especially women and children, by means of books, models, pointed tracts, public lectures, accurate treatment in the hospitals, &c., that the people of China can be made to realize more quickly the signs and objects of modern preventive medicine. Prevention or control of a terrible disease like plague, says Dr. Wu, resolves itself largely into one of prevention of control or other epidemic diseases affecting mankind; in which education of the masses played a most important part. Provided the majority understand approximately the cause of plague and its method of transmission either by the rat flea or directly from person to person, they can take good care of themselves by observing simple rules. Dr. Wu notes with satisfaction in the published report of the Chinese Medical Commission of the Rockefeller Foundation, issued as a result of several months' investigation into the state of medical affairs in China, that acknowledgement is made that the North Manchurian Plague Prevention Service is the first serious attempt made by the Chinese Government in placing the national public health service on a sound scientific basis under capable medical officers. Dr. Wu adds that if this pioneer work was allowed to proceed unimpeded further south, they would be able to produce still more striking results in the lessening of these and other improved change in hygienic and sanitary conditions of the people.

It is satisfactory to learn that at the main hospital in Harbin excellent work has been done during the past year. Although the wards in the Plague Compound are empty, they are ready at all times for the reception of cases. Outpatients reported over 100,000 cases from various parts of the country annually, says Dr. Wu, the need of taking every precaution during the most unpromising

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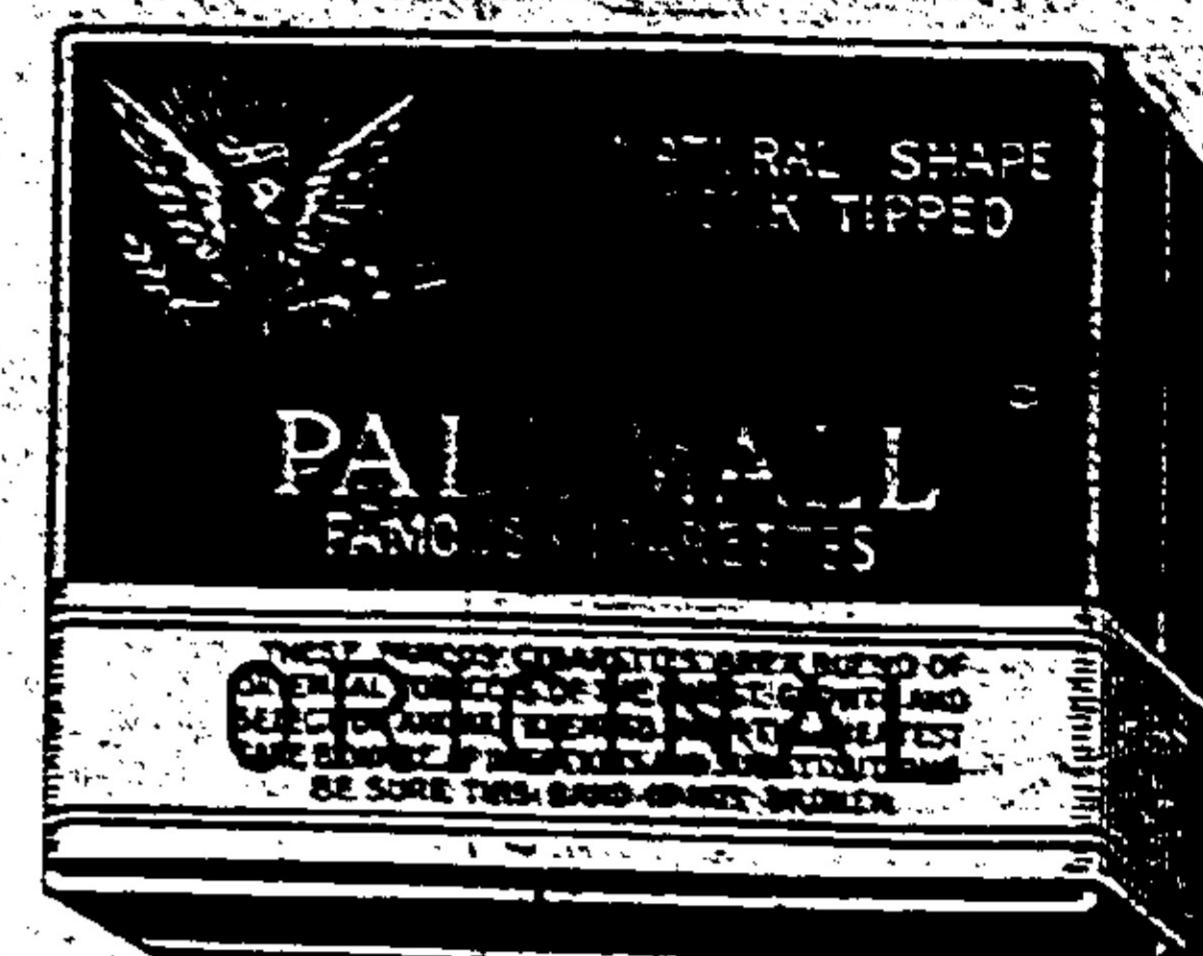
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## MARRIAGE

MCCULLAGH-JOHNSTONE.—On Saturday December 11, at the Wesley Church Singapore W. D. McCullagh of the Hongkong Shanghai Banking Corporation to Muriel elder daughter of the late W. J. Johnstone and Mrs. Johnstone of Belfast.

## DEATHS

BEAMISH.—On 1st November, suddenly, in London, John Spread Hamilton Beamish, Lieutenant 3rd King's Shropshire Light Infantry, youngest son of the late Rear-Admiral H. E. Beamish, C. B., aged thirty-eight.

MURRAY.—On 1st December, in England, George Comyn Murray, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

LLOYD.—On the morning of the 13th inst. at Cairnhill Cottage, Singapore, Patrick Francis Lloyd, son of Mr. J. T. Lloyd, Singapore, age 25 years. R.I.P.

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1915.

## THE INDENTURED LABOUR QUESTION AGAIN.

The leading feature of the average Reuter cable concerning Indian affairs is that it has no earthly interest for people this side of Rangoon or Colombo. Yesterday, however, the happy exception came through, in the form of a statement made by Mr. Austin Chamberlain in reply to a question as to whether the Raj had recommended the abolition of the indentured labour system. This matter closely concerns every man who holds rubber shares and most men who are interested in mining, as well as—more indirectly—all persons connected with the hiring of contract coolies, whether Chinese, Japanese, Indian or Javanese.

Mr. Chamberlain's reply is as satisfactory as could be expected under the circumstances. Definiteness on such a matter could hardly be looked for at a time when every public matter, however important in normal times, becomes quite secondary unless it has a more or less direct bearing on the war. The Secretary of State for India said that he had recently received a communication from the Raj dealing with the "objection to and disadvantages of the present system under which labour went from India to the Colonies" and suggesting a possible solution of these difficulties". Mr. Chamberlain added that "matters were still only at a preliminary stage and that he would be unable to make a definite statement for some time. When that statement comes we shall like to see it, and we shall also be curious to learn what form the Government of India's "possible solution of the difficulties" is likely to take."

Hitherto the feeling in planting and mining circles has been that the indentured coolie system is as evil, but an absolutely necessary evil. Every person in Hongkong who employs men from another country is faced with this contract question in one form or another. The men so employed must be more or less taken on trust, and may turn out well or ill or neither the one nor the other; their fare has to be paid and sometimes an "advance" as well—the employer taking the risk as to whether the employed is likely or not to refuse to carry out his contract on his arrival or after a few days or weeks of trial. Thus the mining and estate companies should find sympathizers in this and other colonies. The main complaint laid against the contract system is that it leaves the coolie (or other employee, for that matter) tied to a definite term of service, whether he likes his work or not. Everyone recognises that difficulty, but no one has hitherto offered a satisfactory solution of it. Indian or Chinese coolies engaged for, e.g. the Malay States, cost the estate or mine managers roughly a hundred dollars apiece, only a small portion of which (advances) will be repaid by the coolie. Obviously every bad worker, every runaway and every invalid is thus a distinct monetary loss to the shareholders, for we know of no case wherein an unsatisfactory man has failed to refund passage etc. What then would be the loss if the indentured labour system were entirely abolished? Under those circumstances coolies could be inshore or idle, or could frankly strike work and take themselves off and the shareholders would have no remedy. While we see no reasonable substitute for the contracts we fully recognise that the Government of any colony where coolies are working on such terms has it in its power to see that full justice is done both to employer and to labourer. If a system of surprise visits to mines and estates were arranged—visits from joint boards of natives and European Government officials—cases of tyranny on the one hand and inshore or idle labour on the other could speedily be enquired into and dealt with. If the coolie case raised the very complaint from them would be properly and fairly discussed out, and that any deliberate offence on their part would be severely dealt with.

## The New Brown

If we were inclined to give credence to one half of the reports which haul from Peking concerning the new programme to be followed by the Chinese Government after the establishment of the monarchy, we should most certainly attach a far greater significance to the change in the Constitution than we now do. But it is characteristic of official China to herald the approach of a new regime by a flourish of trumpets and the announcement of an imposing list of intended reforms. We have become quite accustomed to that kind of thing now. Hence we may say, without appearing hypocritical, that we prefer to accept with a very large grain of salt the statement which appears in the Peking newspapers that among the measures to be enforced in the near future are laws to provide for conscription and for compulsory education. The former, we are told, is to be enforced at so early a date as January 1 next, while three months later the latter reform is to be put into operation.

## Still Far Off

Who is responsible for the circulation of such absurd stories as these, one would like to know. But they are soberly printed in reputable newspapers and no doubt their appearance pleases somebody, even though they are believed by no-one. As ideals to be attained they are all right, but China at the present moment has not the money nor the inclination to put either of these proposals into operation. This, of course, is by no means the first occasion on which these good old hardy annuals have been trotted out. We heard all about them when the "Republic" was inaugurated and have periodically been treated to the revival of the theme many times since. But neither compulsory mental training nor compulsory military training are any nearer enforcement now than they ever were. And no-one with an ounce of brain will give a moment's thought to the likelihood of a miraculous transformation being effected simply because there is to be a change—and a very superficial one at that—in the form of government. May be the whole explanation of these fanciful reports lies in the desire of some wily official to have in the mind-future, the fact ascribed to his foresight that he contemplated such schemes long before they were actually adopted.

## Pure Food

Laws to safeguard the purity of food are necessary everywhere if the health of the public is to be maintained, but nowhere are such laws more needed than in Hongkong, where so much of our food supply comes to us through Chinese hands. It is with this point in mind that we have so often urged the desirability of the authorities keeping a close watch on the purveyors of the necessities of life. Compared with any moderate-sized town at home, the number of prosecutions made under the Food and Drugs Act in Hongkong is extremely small—far smaller than it ought to be, in fact. For once in a way there was a case at the Police Court yesterday, a Chinese milk dealer being brought before Mr. Wood in connection with the presence of a certain quantity of boric acid in the milk he was selling. With the merits of the case we are not at the moment concerned, but we certainly have something to say regarding the "cause" which led to the charge being dismissed. The defence contended that the presence of the acid might have been due to the use of bottles which were not thoroughly cleaned by those taking the sample, and his Worship paid sufficient heed to this probability to discharge the defendant. In these cases one would have thought that the first duty of those taking samples would be to see that absolutely clean bottles are used. It is, in fact, scandalous that a prosecution should fail through because such an elementary precaution as this was not taken. We can only hope that this is the last instance we shall hear of this sort of thing. Some body is evidently to blame in the

## DAY BY DAY

A NEWSPAPER IS THE SYMBOL OF A SHREWD EDITOR. In the Show.

The Weather.

At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 47; fine.

Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 55; fine.

The Mail.

Siberian Mail.—Due to-morrow per a.v. Anhui.

Canadian and Siberian Mails—Closed to-day per a.s. Yokohama 11 a.m.

Siberian Mail—Closed to-day per a.s. Shanghai 3 p.m.

The Dollar.

The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 110 15/16.

To-morrow's Anniversary.

To-morrow is the 52nd anniversary of Thackeray's death and the 77th birthday of Lord Morley.

For the Tommies.

We have received a sum of \$1 collected for the Allied Cigarette and Tobacco Fund by "Sympathisers."

Voyage Report.

The a.s. Empire, which arrived from Australia to-day, reports having encountered heavy north east monsoon on the run up from Manila.

Gold Watch Stolen.

It has been reported to the Police by the assistant comprador of the a.s. Taihuan that on the night of December 21 some person stole from the top of the safe in the comprador's room a gold watch, valued \$400.

C. N. C. Bonus.

The China Navigation Company has decided to give a bonus of 15 per cent to its officers, the bonus to be calculated on the basis of salaries from July up to the end of this month.

A bonus for the year ended July 31, 1915, has already been given.

A Long Chase.

It was stated in a case this morning, before Mr. Hazelard, in which a Chinese was charged with stealing a piece of beef, that a chase for over a mile took place before the man was caught. The defendant, who had a number of previous convictions against him, was sentenced to two months' hard labour and four hours' stocks.

Christmas Social.

Promoted by Mrs. Macomachie, a Christmas Social was held in connection with the Union Church Guild last evening, and the programme, which was of a varied character, was contributed to by the following:—Mrs. Lyle, Misses Bayne and Mackenzie, Messrs. W. L. Handyside and E. R. Dovey (chorus) Mrs. D. Wood, Mrs. Lyle, and Mr. Handyside (songs), Miss Mitchell and Mr. F. Macomachie (pianoforte solos), and Mr. A. Hughes (Hon. Secretary of the Guild), reading. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

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## NOTES ON THE CRISIS

## IN THE BALKANS

## Still Recruiting.

Talk of recruiting is as much in the foreground as ever in Parliament, and the latest development of the situation is more or less clearly told in speeches or remarks by the Premier, Mr. John Redmond, Mr. H. J. Tannatt and the new Member for Marthys, Mr. Stanton. Mr. Asquith still does not see his way to disclosing the enlistment figures, for some unexplained reason. Mr. John Redmond declares that the Irish Party will oppose compilation "under present conditions," while Mr. H. J. Tannatt tells the House that "if certain conditions are met, recruiting is not fulfilled". Mr. Asquith has intimated that the steps taken in the past might have to be substituted by others, and the Government might have to ask for further powers. This intimation is a little puzzling, for it is scarcely a week since we were told that Lord Derby's scheme had proved an unqualified success. If this latter be indeed the case, why the holding back of the figures, and why the talk of "if certain conditions are not fulfilled"? After the sixteen months of hard work that the Premier has put in, it seems ungracious to cavil at his sayings or doings, yet who that looks facts in the face can fail to see constant traces of the wobbling and indecision and semi-concealment, so dear to the Radical heart, in his various actions?

## "Hypocritical Nonsense."

As a set-off, it is refreshing to read the outspoken remarks of the new Member for Marthys, Mr. Keir Hardie's successor. Whatever his politics may be, the new man seems to be one who has no time for mollycoddling and bungling. He gets down to facts immediately. If the country is good enough to live in, he urges, it is good enough to fight for; and that is really the beginning and the end of the entire situation. Mr. Stanton's remarks should do a million times more good than all the half-promises, half-disclosures and half-suppressions that we have been treated to late. He is in favour of concentrating all interest and all force on the one central point: that we are out to smash Germany, for good and for all. Talk will not do, nor will the mere ventilation of private views, grievances and scruples. True, it will not be pleasant, in years to come, for an Britisher to have to reflect that circumstances ever justified such an observation as Mr. Stanton's: "if people did not volunteer they must be forced".

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## A YEAR AGO TO-DAY.

## LEADING EVENTS IN THE GREAT WAR

Extracts from the war news contained in the "Hongkong Telegraph" of December 23, 1914.

Warning to Merchants.

It is officially announced that the Governor of Singapore has reason to believe that the statement that the Ayaka has been picked up by a collier to be incorrect. Merchant ships should still guard against the Ayaka, especially while anchoring in unprotected harbours.

What the Germans are Doing in the East.

The adoption of a more restricted front by the Russians is due to the concentration of very great German forces on our front.

German Supply Ships Captured.

British warships near the Falkland Islands have captured the new Hamburg-American Liners Baden and Santa Isabel, both of which had been acting as supply ships to the German fleet.

Relief of the Belgians in Belgium.

The peoples of New Zealand, Queensland and New South Wales have contributed one hundred thousand pounds for the relief of Belgians in Belgium who are suffering in consequence of the war.

The War and Unemployment.

The percentage of unemployment returned in the United Kingdom at the end of November was 2.9, as compared with 4.4 per cent. at the end of the previous month and 2.0 per cent. a year ago. In trades compulsorily insured against unemployment, such as shipbuilding, the percentage out of work is well below last year's figure. Last week it was 3.46, as against 4.21 a year ago. In Germany, despite the large number of men called to the colours and the quantity of Government work, the unemployed numbered more than ten per cent. as against 2.8 last year.

Loyal Message to the King from the New Sultan.

The Sultan of Egypt has addressed a telegram to H.M. the King, thanking his Majesty for his assurance of the co-operation and protection of Great Britain and expressing the resolution to devote himself to the progress and well-being of his people.

## BROKER AND PROPERTY OWNER.

## Claim for Eight Hundred Dollars.

Chen Yang-sang, broker, 61 Des Voeux Road Central, sued Yao Yak, 100c, Wan Chai Road, for the sum of \$800, being the balance said to be due to plaintiff from the defendant under an agreement dated September 4, 1915, in the Summary Court before Mr. Justice Compton, this morning.

Mr. Otto Kong Sing appeared for plaintiff and Mr. Gardner represented the defendant.

Mr. Otto Kong Sing said the plaintiff was a property broker, and, at the request of the plaintiff, he undertook to commission to sell for the defendant, who was a property broker, two houses in Wan Chai Road at a fixed price of \$22,000 exactly. It was stated that if there were any surplus, over the \$2,000 that should be his. The order was only for two weeks. The plaintiff in the time found a purchaser for \$23,000. Ultimately another broker was called in, and he received his commission.

The case was adjourned until tomorrow.

## COFFEE-COLLECTOR CHARGED.

A coffee-collector employed by a Kowloon ricksha contractor to collect money from ricksha-pullers was charged before Mr. Wood this morning with absconding with \$10,000. Inspector Gordon stated that there was one collector for every ten pullers, and another man to look after every ten collectors. The accused was remanded on bail of \$250.

## NAVAL DOCKYARD POLICE.

## Last Night's Smoking Concert.

A most enjoyable smoking concert was held last evening by the members of the Royal Naval Dockyard Police Mess, a good attendance gathering under the chairmanship of Inspector Chamberlain. The programme, which had again been arranged by Mr. W. Ward, was well sustained, several of the contributors being encored.

During the evening the presentation of prizes won in the recent Billiard Handicap took place, the following being the successful competitors—

1 (Silver Cup)—Sgt. Small, E.S.L.I.

2 (Wrist watch)—C.P.O. Adams, H.M.S. Turner.

3 (Silver mounted

TELEGRAMS

OBITUARY.

Obituary Service to the "Telegraph".  
London Received December 23.  
The death is announced of Sir  
Thomas Jackson, formerly Chief  
Manager of the Hongkong and  
Shanghai Banking Corporation.

SARAH BERNHARDT ILL.  
London Received December 23.  
Sarah Bernhardt, the famous  
actress, is reported to be seriously  
ill.

INGENIOUSLY  
CONCEALED OPIUM.

A Smart Capture at Kowloon.  
The ingenious hiding of opium  
has been revealed many times in  
the Police Court during the past  
few weeks, but no more artful  
ruse has been struck than the one  
discovered at Kowloon Railway  
Station yesterday. When a man,  
who had purchased a ticket for  
Shek Lung, was being searched,  
18 taels of opium—were found  
packed in the dried entrails of a  
pig, these having been very  
cleverly placed in the padding of  
a quilted bed cover.

Inspector Gordon, who prosecuted  
when the man was brought  
before Mr. Hazelton this morning,  
said that the opium was very  
ingeniously concealed.

Mr. Hazelton ordered the man  
to pay \$1,000 or go to prison for  
two months with hard labour.

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A thoroughly modern and up-to-date sanitary convenience and one  
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sanitary washstand. With the  
appearance of this washstand, there is no more need of the old-style, clumsy, sloopy  
wash-bowl and pitcher; instead,  
all the convenience of the best  
bathroom washstands is at the  
service of the public. The Howe  
sanitary washstand—the "Ro-san"—is beautiful, compact and convenient and can be installed in any room anywhere in ten  
minutes. There is no piping and no plumbing—the washstand  
comes to the user complete. Those  
who live in rented houses need  
not hesitate to install one of these  
modern conveniences, because,  
once installed, it can be moved  
anywhere. No-one who appreciates  
cleanliness, convenience and  
neatness can afford to be without  
the Howe sanitary washstand.

THE LATE SIR THOMAS JACKSON

The imposing statue of the late  
Sir Thomas Jackson who's death  
was announced yesterday, which is  
situate opposite the Hongkong  
and Shanghai Bank premises in  
Des Voeux Road, had two beautiful  
wreaths laid at its base this  
morning, the tributes coming from the officials and staff of the  
Bank by whom the late Sir  
Thomas was held in great regard  
and high esteem.

The Bank's flag has also been  
flown at half-mast all day.

CHRISTMAS DAY  
SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral—6:45 a.m.  
The Holy Communion—7:45 a.m.  
The Holy Communion Choral; the Bishop will be the  
Celebrant. 9:15 a.m. Military  
Service conducted by the Chaplain to the Forces. 11 a.m.  
Matins Preacher: Rev. H. Copley Moyle; Collection for  
the Diocesan Girls' School  
12 noon. The Holy Communion.  
At the Peak Church, 8 a.m.  
The Holy Communion.  
Carols will be sung during the  
Sunday evening December 25  
after evensong at 5:45 p.m.  
St. Peter's Church, West Point—  
Christmas Day: 8 a.m. Holy  
Communion. 11 a.m. Morning  
Prayer and sermon. Preacher:  
Rev. W. T. Featherstone.  
Sunday after Christmas: 8 a.m.  
Holy Communion. 11 a.m.  
Morning Prayer. Christmas  
carols will be sung at this  
service.

DAIRY FARM NEWS.

CHRISTMAS ORDERS

FOR

DAIRY FARM TURKEYS,  
GEESE, DUCKS,  
CAPONS and CHICKENS

SHOULD BE BOOKED EARLY TO AVOID  
DISAPPOINTMENT.

WAR TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from page 1)

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

MORE FRENCH SUCCESSES.

December 21, 4:55 p.m.—  
A Paris communiqué reports that the general cannonade has  
slackened. The French were successful in minor operations,  
especially in the bombardment of German movements in Lorraine.

December 22, 1:30 a.m.—  
According to Reuter's correspondent at Paris a communiqué  
reports that bad weather has hampered the operations on a great  
part of the front; nevertheless the French artillery bombarded the  
German communication lines on the northern portion of the  
front, dispersing supply convoys. The French also successfully  
bombarded the enemy salient on Rupt height to the north of Fontenoy.  
A fine attack, following artillery preparation, enabled the  
French to occupy a considerable portion of the German works on  
Hartmanns Weiherkopf, capturing prisoners.

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FOR AGED SEAMEN.

Royal Alfred Aged Seamen's  
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E.C.

Christmas 1915.

Sir:—When one considers the  
truly great and heroic part  
British Merchant Seamen are taking  
in the War, their claim upon  
the generous consideration of all  
is unquestionably established.

That one of these brave fellows  
should stand in need of a helping  
hand when forced by age or  
affection to abandon the sea would  
but give vent to a firm, an in-  
gratitude to those to whom as a  
body Britain owes her commercial  
prosperity, and to whom as a  
degree most apparent of late she  
is indebted for the very daily  
necessaries of life.

At one time it could be truly  
said that Britain was the only  
great maritime nation without  
a provision for its Merchant Seamen,  
but with the establishment  
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SOUP	FISH
1. Asparagus Soup	2. Clear Soup
3. Boiled Schnapper	3. Fried Whiting
5. Fricassée of Chicken	6. Game Pie
7. Fried Sweetbread and Tomato Sauce	9. Roast Saddle of Mutton
8. Roast Sirloin of Beef	10. Roast Turkey and Cranberry Sauce
11. Roast Goose and Apple Sauce	12. Roast Capon
13. Boiled Potatoes	14. Roast Potatoes
15. French Beans	16. Petit Pois
17. Plum Pudding	18. Mince Pies
19. Stewed Pears and Cream	20. Apple Pie
21. Gorgonzola Cheese	22. Roquefort Cheese
23. Mixed Salad	24. Beetroot and Spring Onions
25. Tea and Coffee	26. Tea and Coffee

VEGETABLES	FRUITS
19. Roast Potatoes	18. Mince Pies
20. French Beans	21. Apples, Raisins, Walnuts, Almonds &c.
22. Roquefort Cheese	23. Mixed Salad
24. Beetroot and Spring Onions	25. Tea and Coffee
26. Tea and Coffee	27. Gorgonzola Cheese

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1 " Blackberry Brandy	—	—	—	quart.
1 " Brandy Martell XXX	—	—	—	quart.
1 " Whisky King George IV.	—	—	—	quart.
1 " Port Superior Twenny	—	—	—</	

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Destination	Steamers	Sailing Date
MARSEILLES AND LONDON via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez & Port Said	Kashima Maru Capt. Tabata Mishima Maru Capt. Wada	THURS., 30th Dec. at noon. THURS., 13th Jan. at noon.
VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE via Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama and Yokohama	Yokohama Maru Capt. Shinoda	THURS., 23rd Dec. at noon.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila, Thursday Island, Tasmania and Brisbane	Nikko Maru Capt. Takeda	FRI., 14th Dec. at 4 p.m.
CALCUTTA via Spore, Penang & Rangoon		
BOMBAY via Singapore, Malacca and Colombo		
SHANGHAI (Mon.)	Bombay Maru Capt. Terada	FRIDAY, 24th Dec.
SHANGHAI (Kobe)	Colombo Maru Capt. Sakamoto	SATURDAY, 25th Dec.
NAGASAKI (Kobe)	Hitachi Maru Capt. Tomimaga	FRI., 14th Jan. at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI (Kobe)	Asutsu Maru Capt. Sato	FRI., 31st Dec. at 10 a.m.
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For	Steamers	To Sail
TSINGTAO & FALNY	Tientsin	24th Dec. at noon.
SHANGHAI	Chenan	26th Dec. at d'light
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	Tean	28th Dec. at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	Anhui	28th Dec. at 4 p.m.
TIENTSIN	Huichow	31st Dec. at noon
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	Taming	4th Jan. at 4 p.m.

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For	Steamship	On
MANILA	Yuenyang	Fri. 24th Dec. at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI	Hopsang	Sat. 25th Dec. at 3 p.m.
SPORE Pang & Calcutta	Fooshing	Tues. 28th Dec. at 3 p.m.
SHAL Kobe & Moji	Namsang	Thur. 30th Dec. at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	Mansang	Fri. 31st Dec. at noon
SPORE Pang & Ccutta	Kumsang	Fri. 31st Dec. at 3 p.m.
MANILA	Loongsang	Fri. 31st Dec. at 3 p.m.

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J. M. & Co.	Chueongshing	Dec. 23	Weihaiwei
R. & S.	Hyson	Dec. 23	London
R. & S.	Pham	Dec. 24	Liverpool
J.C.J. L.	Tjikembang	Dec. 24	Java
N. Y. K.	Koga Maru	Dec. 24	Yokohama
J. M. & Co.	Namsang	Dec. 25	Singapore
J.C.J. L.	Titarum	Dec. 25	Japan
N. Y. K.	Atsuta Maru	Dec. 26	London
P. & O.	Kashima Maru	Dec. 26	Yokohama
J.C.J. L.	Nankin	Dec. 29	Batavia
B. & S.	Tjikembang	Dec. 31	London
S. T. & Co.	Helens	Dec. 31	Amoy
N. Y. K.	Kethlamba	Jan. 1	New York
P. & O.	Nellore	Jan. 1	London
J. M. & Co.	Pengas Maru	Jan. 1	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Kutsang	Jan. 2	Calcutta
P. & O.	Sado Maru	Jan. 2	Yokohama
J.C.J. L.	Kashmir	Jan. 4	Yokohama
B. & S.	Tjibodas	Jan. 4	Makassar
J.C.J. L.	Knight Companion	Jan. 7	London
G. L. & Co.	Arakan	Jan. 7	Java
T. K. K.	Eastern	Jan. 7	Australia
P. & O.	Persia Maru	Jan. 9	San Francisco
N. Y. K.	Monica	Jan. 9	London
P. & O.	Hitachi Maru	Jan. 13	Australia
N. Y. K.	Novara	Jan. 13	Yokohama
T. K. K.	Nikko Maru	Jan. 13	Yokohama
P. & O.	Chiyo Maru	Jan. 14	San Francisco
N. Y. K.	Sardinia	Jan. 15	London
P. & O.	Changsha	Jan. 16	Australia
N. Y. K.	Awa Maru	Jan. 16	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Shidzuoka Maru	Jan. 24	Yokohama
P. & O.	Suwa Maru	Jan. 26	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Kashmir	Jan. 27	Yokohama
P. & O.	Nellore	Jan. 28	Yokohama
G. L. & Co.	Namor	Jan. 29	London
T. K. K.	Aldenham	Jan. 30	Australia
P. & O.	Nore	Feb. 5	London
J.C.J. L.	Tjikembang	Feb. 7	Java
T. K. K.	Atsuta Maru	Feb. 7	San Francisco
N. Y. K.	Sarinia	Feb. 9	Yokohama
P. & O.	Nankin	Feb. 11	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Aki Maru	Feb. 13	London
P. & O.	Mongara	Feb. 14	Seattle
N. Y. K.	Tango Maru	Feb. 16	Yokohama
J.C.J. L.	Karimoen	Mar. 7	Australia
J.C.J. L.	Tjikembang	Apr. 7	Java

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J. M. & Co.	Mausang	Dec. 23	Sandakan
R. & S.	Chueongshing	Dec. 23	Weihaiwei
R. & S.	Hyson	Dec. 24	London
J.C.J. L.	Pham	Dec. 24	Liverpool
N. Y. K.	Tjikembang	Dec. 24	Java
J. M. & Co.	Koga Maru	Dec. 25	Yokohama
J.C.J. L.	Namsang	Dec. 25	Singapore
N. Y. K.	Titarum	Dec. 26	Japan
P. & O.	Atsuta Maru	Dec. 27	London
N. Y. K.	Kashima Maru	Dec. 29	Yokohama
P. & O.	Nankin	Dec. 31	London
J.C.J. L.	Tjikembang	Dec. 31	Amoy
S. T. & Co.	Helens	Jan. 1	New York
N. Y. K.	Kethlamba	Jan. 1	London
P. & O.	Nellore	Jan. 1	Yokohama
J. M. & Co.	Pengas Maru	Jan. 1	London
N. Y. K.	Kutsang	Jan. 2	Calcutta
P. & O.	Sado Maru	Jan. 2	Yokohama
J.C.J. L.	Kashmir	Jan. 4	Yokohama
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P. & O.	Suwa Maru	Jan. 26	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Kashmir	Jan. 27	Yokohama
P. & O.	Nellore	Jan. 28	Yokohama
G. L. & Co.	Namor	Jan. 29	London
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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1915

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#### RUBBER SMUGGLING INTO GERMANY.

December 22, 3.50 a.m.

Elaborate schemes to smuggle rubber into Germany from America have lately been revealed. Reuter's New York correspondent says that the seizure of 3,500 lbs. of raw rubber, which was about to be shipped without declaration, had its sequel in the revelation of a fresh endeavour to send large quantities in the personal luggage of women agents travelling to Holland.

Confessions made to the Federal authorities show that a regular procession of women travellers was to have proceeded to Europe, each taking a quantity of rubber. A German agent at Rotterdam had arranged for the forwarding of it to Germany.

#### THE FOMENTING OF STRIKES.

December 22, 4.50 a.m.

Mr. Samuel Gompers, president of the National Labour Union in America, has testified before the Federal Grand Jury that what he has seen in the way of the fomenting of strikes is not only morally wrong, but exceedingly likely to lead America into war.

#### THE ARREST OF A DUTCH EDITOR.

December 22, 4.50 a.m.

Meinheer Schroeder, Editor of the *Telegraaf*, who was arrested on December 14, has been released.

#### ARMY CHANGES.

#### THE HIGHER COMMANDS.

December 22, 6.20 p.m.

The War Office announces that General Munro succeeds General Sir Douglas Haig in command of the First Army in France and General Sir Archibald Murray succeeds General Munro, while General Sir William Robertson, the new Chief of the Imperial Staff, has the temporary rank of General, with Major-General R. Whigham as his deputy; also that Major-General Kiggell, Assistant Chief of the General Staff, becomes Chief of Staff to Sir Douglas Haig.

#### THE PARLIAMENT BILL.

December 22, 6.55 p.m.

The Parliament Bill, providing for an extension in the life of the present Parliament, has been read a third time without division.

#### THE KAISER INDISPOSED.

December 22, 6.55 p.m.

According to a message from Amsterdam, an official statement issued in Berlin says the Kaiser has postponed his journey to the Western front owing to the fact that he is suffering from a slight inflammation of the cellular tissue, which confines him to his room.

#### ANOTHER EXPLOSION IN GERMANY.

#### HUGE DAMAGE CAUSED.

December 22, 6.20 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam states that there has been a great explosion at the Muenster munition works in Westphalia. Huge damage has been caused to the town, and the railways are interrupted.

#### 300 WOMEN KILLED.

December 22, 9.30 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam states that 300 women were killed out of 600 employees at the Muenster munitions factory.

#### THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

#### ANOTHER GERMAN ADMISSION.

December 22, 6.20 p.m.

A Berlin communiqué admits an important French success in the capturing of the ridge of Hartmannswillerkopf and other positions, fighting being carried on in face of a driving snow.

#### THE FREIGHT MARKET.

#### THE "TIMES" ON THE OUTLOOK.

December 21, 1.30 p.m.

The Times thinks that freights may go still higher if the Government's present heavy demands on the mercantile marine recur. Regular lines are daily refusing offers of freight, and the Times estimates that the total amount of British shipping now in Government service is equal to the whole German shipping before the war. The profits of British owners are enormous, though less than what neutrals are making. However, the withdrawal from Gallipoli should relieve the situation, which is so acute that the Government cannot ignore it.

#### AMERICAN SECURITIES.

December 21, 1.30 p.m.

The House of Commons has passed the third reading of the Bill concerning American securities.

#### THE RELEASE OF DE WET.

December 21, 1.30 p.m.

The release of De Wet and his followers has created a favourable impression in Holland, where the British policy of magnanimity is contrasted with German methods.

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon in the Council Chamber, H.E. the Governor presiding. There were present—

H.E. the General Officer Commanding the Troops, (Major-General F. Ventris.)

The Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, Colonial Secretary.

The Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, Attorney General.

The Hon. Mr. A. M. Thomson, Colonial Treasurer.

The Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G., Director of Public Works.

The Hon. Mr. E. R. Halifax, Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

The Hon. the Captain Superintendent of Police (Mr. C. McLennan.)

Defendant pleaded guilty.

Police Sergeant Jackson stated

that at 9.35 a.m., on the 15th inst., he was on duty in Police Launch No. 4 when he saw the steam launch San Fung towing a junk of the Ningpo.

The Hon. Mr. E. R. Halifax, Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

The Hon. the Captain Superintendent of Police (Mr. C. McLennan.)

Defendant pleaded that he counted the passengers before leaving Hongkong.

His Worship—This is the seventh offence recorded, and I fine the defendant \$150, or, in default, two months' hard labour.

Police Sergeant A. Constand, Reserve, charged Ng Lin-sing, boatmaster, with unlawfully being under way during prohibited hours on the 22nd inst. Defendant was fined \$3.

Law Hing, coxswain on board

Police launch No. 10, charged Fok Che, boatmaster, with unlawfully failing to observe the rule of the road in the Harbour on the 19th inst. A fine of \$25 was imposed.

Valuation of Tenements.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary moved the following resolution—

"It is hereby resolved that the percentages on the valuations of the tenements in the undermentioned places be altered as follows with effect from the 1st of January, 1916:—Taikoo Kai, from 1½ per cent. to 1¾ per cent.; Hoi Un and Kowloon City Road from the Hung Hom Police Station to the north as far as including Kowloon Island Lot 1150 and Kowloon Marine Lot 67, from 1½ per cent. to 1¾ per cent."

The Hon. Colonial Treasurer seconded and the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Pollock's Questions.

The Hon. Mr. Pollock put the following questions standing in his name—

1. What steps is the Government taking to fill up the place of the late Mr. Hewett on the Executive Council?

2. Is it not the fact that I was a Member of the Executive Council, as Acting Attorney General, for periods of time amounting to nearly 3 years, and is it not the fact that I acted in addition as an Unofficial Member of that Council during the last absence on leave in Europe of Sir Paul Chater and Mr. Hewett respectively, in the years 1911 and 1912?

3. Has the Government or has His Excellency the Governor sent any Despatch, and, if so, when, to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies recommending any, and, if so, what person as successor to Mr. Hewett on the Executive Council?

4. If any such Despatch has been addressed to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, has the Right Honourable Gentleman been informed in such Despatch of the facts referred to in the above question 2? Will the Government lay such Despatch (if any) upon the table of this Council?

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His Excellency replied as follows:—It is fitting that the Governor himself should answer these questions. The first four relate to the appointment of an Unofficial Member to the Executive Council. Under the

#### HARBOUR OFFENCES.

Before Commander C. W. Buck with, R. N., at the Marine Court this morning, Police Sergeant George Jackson charged Ho Kam-shing, master of the steam launch Fund, with unlawfully carrying on board his vessel 21 passengers in excess of the number allowed by his license on the 15th inst.

Defendant pleaded guilty.

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#### THE YASAKA MARU.

Feared Loss at Sea.

#### HONGKONG RESIDENTS REACH PORT SAID.

Telegrams have been received in the Colony to-day which appear to indicate that the N.Y.K. steamer Yasaka Maru, bound from London to the Far East, has been lost at sea. The local office of the Company, when approached on the matter, informed us that it had received no official intimation of the loss of the ship, but from outside information it had reason to fear that the report was true.

The telegrams which have given rise to the rumour that the vessel has been sunk are from local residents who are returning back on the Yasaka Maru. Two of these telegrams request relatives to forward money, and one speaks of the sender having arrived safely at Port Said but adds—

"All gone down."

The Yasaka Maru, which is one

of the three biggest boats owned

by the N.Y.K. (her displacement being 22,000 tons) left London on the 7th inst. and passed Gibraltar on the 12th. Among the Hongkong passengers on board were Mr. L. N. Leete, Mr. Seth, Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. L. L. Laroche, Mrs. V. J. Tatarin and five children, Miss V. Tatarin, Miss H. Tatarin and Mrs. Sutherland.

The N.Y.K. Office in Hongkong has telegraphed to Tokyo to ascertain whether the Head Office has any information on the matter.

Mr. H. Percy Smith, of the firm of Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, has received a telegram to-day from his partner, Mr. John Heanney, Seth, to say that he is safe at Port Said.

Mr. Seth and his family were passengers by the Yasaka Maru.

Confirmation.

Since the above was written, the local office of the N.Y.K. informed us of the receipt of the following telegram dated December 22 from the London office of the Company:

"Much regret inform you Yasaka Maru sunk yesterday. Will wire immediately receive definite news passengers crew."

We since learn from a reliable source that the passengers are all safe.

#### POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Order issued to-day by Mr. F. C. Jenkins, D.S.P. (Reserve) state—

Commissioner.

General Order No. 22 states—

"P. O. Ng Kin Gee and P. C. Chan Hung of the Police Reserve are recommended by the Captain, Supt. of Police for intelligent action in effecting the arrest of a murderer in Queen's Road Central on the 11th inst."

# THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH

## SECOND EXTRA

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23 1916.

### TO-DAYS LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS

[Reuter's Service to the "Telegraph."]

#### THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

#### TWELVE HUNDRED GERMAN PRISONERS.

December 22, 5.20 p.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Paris, the communiqué says that yesterday's attack enabled the French to extend their positions on the slopes east of Hartmannswillerkopf, and 1,200 Germans have now been taken prisoners.

#### THE MESOPOTAMIAN CAMPAIGN.

#### OUR TOTAL CASUALTIES.

December 22, 5.20 p.m.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Chamberlain stated that the casualties in Mesopotamia up to the 18th inst. were 1,127, including 200 dead, of whom 49 died from disease.

General Nixon was not at Kut-el-Amara. General Townshend yesterday reported that the night was quiet.

#### SHANGHAI BOMB OUTBAGUE.

Second Attempt on "Asiatic Daily News" Office.

As stated in the Telegraph's Shanghai correspondent's wire of Monday, the offices of the Asiatic Daily News, Shanghai, which were the object of a diabolical outrage on September 11, of this year with tragic results, were the scene of another outrage on December 18—fortunately, on this occasion, with no loss of life. Shortly before 9 p.m. says the N. C. Daily News, the Sikh policeman on duty in Shanxing Road, heard a loud report, followed by the shattering of glass. At the time he was treading his beat almost immediately beneath the verandah of the premises occupied by the Asiatic Daily News, and the Central Police Station was at once notified.

All that could be ascertained was to the effect that the explosion had been caused by a bomb, presumably dropped from an upper window of the premises or to the verandah of the first floor. Upwards of eight windows and shutters were shattered, and had the editor and manager been seated at their desks there would undoubtedly have been loss of life, or severe injuries.

As it happened, the explosion occurred at a time when there was no one in the vicinity of the verandah and consequently there was no one killed or injured.

Later a Chinese was charged with being concerned in the bomb attack.

Mr. K. E. Newman appeared for the prosecution and Mr. Musso watched the case on behalf of the Chinese Government.

Mr. Newman said that the man had already been charged with being in unlawful possession of a Municipal Police pistol. At the hearing of that case evidence had been given of the finding of a paper upon the defendant relating to a certain change of government and what was to be done when the change took place. In a statement the defendant had admitted being a prominent revolutionary, and had been in receipt of money from Japan. He admitted that he was a member of the Tung Meng-hui, but denied that he had anything to do with the bomb case.

Evidence was given in support of the charge by a Chinese in custody in connection with the affair, and Mr. Grant Jones in delivering judgment said—

#### UP TO THE MINUTE.

Closing prices.  
Cements—\$19 70, buyers.  
Indes.—\$165, buyers.  
Sugars.—\$127, buyers.  
Douglas's.—\$101, buyers.

#### The Salamis.

According to wireless information, the s.s. Salamis, bound from the Cape to Hongkong via Mauritius, has had a breakdown, as a result of which she will not reach port until to-morrow. She was due here on Monday last. She was two days ahead to time at Singapore, but encountered bad weather off the Paracels and developed engine trouble, which reduced her speed to six knots.

I wish to say at once, in order that people in this Settlement may clearly understand the position of the Court, that if this person were a resident of the International Settlement we should hand him over to the Chinese Authorities on his own admission, or, if he had not made this admission, on evidence which showed to our satisfaction that there was reasonable ground to associate him criminally with the movements of the revolutionary party. But this man is not a resident of the Settlement: he has been handed over to us by the French Authorities and the question before the Court is whether the prisoner is guilty of the charge preferred against him, the charge of conspiring to explode a bomb on the premises of the Asiatic Daily News. If we do not find him guilty of that charge, it will plainly be our duty to restore him to the custody of the French Police. We do, however, find him guilty, and in accordance with the rule which we have made that where a person is charged with a breach, within the jurisdiction, of the criminal law of this country, he may, if the Court thinks fit in the interests of justice and after a *prima facie* case has been established against him, be handed over to the proper Chinese Authorities for trial, we now direct that he be so delivered up to the Authorities at the Arsenal. The prisoner is to be taken, in the custody of an officer of this Court, to the French Authorities for completion of their record, and on his return the order of rendition is to be carried out.

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#### SHANGHAI SHARE REPORT.

Musso, A. L. Anderson & Co.'s Weekly Share Circular (Shanghai, December 18) is as under:

These have been less business doing during the past week, and this is due to the shadow of the approaching settlement, which while of no great dimensions, owing to the fact that the majority of members still refuse "forward" orders, is of sufficient magnitude to make the market "cast before," i.e., in the market. This, much more than the slight fall in London prices is the reason for the easier situation in Rubbers, where buying orders are being held over in hopes of bargain-prices. The weakness in Cottons, long forgotten in previous issues, is more apparent, and "long forward, long last." General Securities have not evinced any feature calling for comment. To-day's opening rate for T/T on London was 2/6; the dollar rate being 73.

**Debentures.**—The French Municipal Loan noticed last week, closed on 15th inst. but, so far, no allotments have been published. The drop in exchange is in favour of this market, but while a few buying orders come to hand, no general interest is shown.

**Banks.**—Hongkong and Shanghai. Liu's interest has been evinced and one \$825 leave the price nominal. Cathaya. A sale was recorded at 2.30 for ordinary, and probably more shares could be placed at this, but the combined share offer at 91.

**Marine Insurance.**—A somewhat easier feeling all round: North China, after sales at 182, offer at 181 with private sales at 180. Yangtze's are still on the market at \$280, and Unions and Cantons are seeking buyers at quotation.

**Mining.**—Chinese Engineering. The meeting was held in London yesterday, when accounts slightly better than last year were submitted and a final of 5 per cent (making 10 per cent for the year) was passed. Philippines have ruled easier and 3% fails to attract buyers.

**Wharves and Godowns.**—In fear of less favourable accounts than last year Hongkows offered throughout the week and, at 92½ still left the market in the hands of sellers.

**Lands and Hotels.**—Anglo-French are still wanted at 106. Investments sold at 107 and close nominal. Centrales have buyers at \$61 without business being reported.

**Cotton.**—The Ewo meeting was held on 16th inst.; in his speech the Chairman said: "I regret to say that since the end of August trade generally in yarn and cloth has left a great deal to be desired, and at the moment the future outlook is causing your General Managers grave concern, so much so that it may be found necessary to resort to short time contracts."

"The growth in the districts surrounding Shanghai was a partial failure and indications point to the local mills having to import large quantities of foreign cotton." Owing to a small crop in America, cotton prices the world over are high, but I do not think we can reasonably anticipate any relief in the cost of our raw material in the near future."

**Rubber.**—The forward demand in the London produce market keeps very firm, and we hear of several companies having concluded bargains in their produce for next year's delivery at prices sufficient to guarantee satisfactory accounts for a year hence. Sennwanga. A third interim of 10 per cent has been declared, payable on 17th proximo.

**Miscellaneous.**—No changes worthy of note. Constructions still in demand at 90; Telephones steady at 28, but Gas weak at 32.

#### THE MURDER OF ADMIRAL TSENG.

Alleged Accomplice Wanted by Chinese.

At Shanghai last Friday at the Mixed Court, Mr. Fessenden mentioned the case of a Chinese who was held by the police on an allegation of complicity in the assassination of Admiral Tseng.

Mr. K. E. Newman appeared for the police and Mr. G. Mason for the Chinese Government.

Mr. Fessenden said that according to his information his client was in the custody of the French Police under suspicion of being connected with the bomb case. The matter had been investigated by the Police and he understood that there was no charge against him.

Mr. Musso, in answer to a question by the Assessor, said that if the Police did not want to charge the man the Government did. They would charge him with complicity in the murder of Admiral Tseng.

Mr. Fessenden said that by some arrangement, the details of which he did not know, his client was in the custody of the French Police and about to be released when he was handed over to the Municipal Police. Investigations were made by the Police Department and sufficient evidence was not found by them to warrant a charge being brought against him. The position was, now, that the prisoner was being held upon an undertaking that if the Municipal Police did not want him he should be handed back to the French Police. He claimed that a charge should be preferred against the man, or he should be handed back.

**The Assessor.**—If the charge is one of complicity in the murder of Admiral Tseng then the proper venue for the trial is here. If counsel for the Police and the Chinese Government would agree between themselves then the Court would know what to do.

Mr. Musso said that he wished to prefer a charge and agreed to let Mr. Fessenden have a copy of it to-day.

On this understanding the case was adjourned.

#### VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

Corps Orders issued to-day by Lieut-Col. A. Chapman, V.D., state—

Joined.

Gunner F. G. Samways joined the Corps on 22.12.15, allotted Corps No. 1951 and posted to No. 2 Section Artillery Battery.

Leave.

Pte. A. M. Cowe is granted leave of absence from 23.12.15 to 13.1.16.

Parades.

Parade for Friday, 24th instant Nil.

Civil Service Company.

In future the Civil Service Company will parade at 5.15 p.m. at Headquarters on Wednesday (instead of Tuesday) commencing on Wednesday 29th inst.

All existing exemptions from the weekly parades are hereby cancelled. The undermentioned members have been appointed to the Company-Snooker Committee.

Sergt. Bullock, Corp. Vergeote,

LeCapl. Edmonds, LeCapl. Clarke,

Pte. Douglas and Pte. Ralston

The first meeting of the Committee will be held after parade on Wednesday 29th instant.

Detail.

Gun Club Hill, Kowloon.

On duty until morning of 26th instant—H. K. V. R.

P. W. Camp, Kowloon.

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Chinese Story of Ill-treatment by Police.

A Chinese, charged with snatching \$500 from a shopkeeper at 60, Bonham Strand East, was brought up before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Police Court this morning.

Mr. Otto Kong Sing, who ap-

peared for the prosecutor, said he had no evidence to offer on this charge.

It was stated that the police

wished for the case to go on.

The manager of the shop said

that the defendant was sent to collect \$500 from one of the Canton boats, the Charlie Hardouin, but did not return till some

time after, when he did come back, he said that the money had been stolen in Wing Lok Street.

Afterwards witness was told by the Police that the money had been recovered.

Evidence was also given by the

compradores of the ship and the Police Court interpreter.

Defendant said that after he

had received the money he put it in his pocket. When at Wing Lok Street he was stopped by a man who said he was a fellow-clerkman. After they had parted, he found that the money was missing. When at the Police Station he was assaulted in order to "speak the truth." He was seized by the throat and almost choked. He was so badly assaulted that he would have admitted, if it had been put to him, that he had committed a robbery at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. He admitted that he had given the money to another man, because he was afraid of being assaulted again.

Inspector M. O'Sullivan said

that as far as he knew there was no truth in defendant's story about the assault.

Mr. Wood passed sentence of

six months hard labour.

#### THE LATE SIR THOMAS JACKSON.

Tributes by His Excellency.

At the meeting of the Legisla-

tive Council this afternoon, His

Excellency the Governor said—

"We met here to-day under the

shadow cast by one of the great

dead, upon the institution upon

which he served so nobly, upon the

Colony of which he was the greatest

citizen it has ever possessed, and

upon the hearts of the many

friends in every station of life

who had the privilege of his ac-

quaintance. Sir Thomas Jack-

son, with the brilliant

abilities by which the Hong-

kong and Shanghai Bank was

raised under his care from small

beginnings to the splendid pos-

ition it now occupies in the

financial world, combined a

kindness of heart which endeared

him to all who came in contact

with him. He was the Unofficial

adviser of successive Governors of

this Colony, and in his generosity

of his services to the Colony

he was indeed a man of great

character and ability. His

friendship was indeed a

priceless gift from heaven for

those who were honoured by it.

I beg to move the following re-

solution:—That this Council

desires to place on record its deep

sorrow at the death of Sir Thomas

Jackson, a former member of the

Legislative Council in recognition

of the magnificent services of

the deceased to the Colony and



**HOTEL LIST****LIST OF PASSENGERS**

Hongkong Hotel  
Anderson G.K. Mann Master  
Atkinson R.L. Marriott Dick M.M.  
Buchen E. McMurtry D.  
Bean Mr & Mrs K.W. McMath H.A.  
Bewick Mr & Mrs McKeveigh J.  
C.W. Macmillan K.  
Branch Capt. B. Macmillan Mr & Mrs  
Burke E.J. Martin K.  
Beddoe E.E. Martin R.  
Bickerton H. Martin J.  
Bain H. Murray Neighbour W.B.  
Bell C.J. Mrs & Mrs  
Bellies Mrs E.R. Nisius Mrs  
Barrie H. Norman A.  
Bridges H. Ormonde J.  
Bennet Capt. W. Pritchard Mr & Mrs  
Byron Capt. G. Prior Mrs E.V.D.  
Chapman C. Prior A.W.  
Cawley F.D. Prager Mr & Mrs G.  
Croucher N. Porter Mr & Mrs A.  
Cheetham H. Robert W.J.  
Cameron W.H.M. Roberts Mrs J.  
Cornishman Mr. Ross Mrs J.  
Clarke Miss M. Ray E.H.  
Carrie W.J. Reed Mr C.  
Carry J.J. Rees Mr & Mrs  
Duffy Mrs E.E. Mrs E.M.  
Davis Mrs F.E. Reardon Mrs  
Douglas F.S. Riley J.H.  
Dewar Capt. J. Sleds Miss M.  
Delicate Mrs. Stalker S.  
Ewart Capt. W. Smith W.H.  
Edwards F.J. Simmonds F.W.  
Finchill Dr. G.H. Sorby V.  
Finlay J. Shoemaker Mrs  
Fitzgerald A.C. Shaw Mr. & Mrs J.S.  
Gould Mr & Mrs J.S. Schroeder W.E.  
Gibb J. Simeon Capt. H.  
Goobourn V. Sawyer F.H.  
Grundy B.A. Seelye Mrs J.  
George Mr & Mrs H. Spedding Mr. & Mrs  
Garnier A. L. Smith K.S.  
Hicks A. Salle S.  
Hunter R. Scott S.M.  
Hunt J.S.C. Taylor H.H.  
Hodge T.P. Threlkeld Capt. H.  
Hall Capt. T.P. Thomas H.M.  
Hamblin Mr & Mrs Henderson H.M.  
W.A. Vale & Mrs M.M.  
Heyblom W. Wood Mrs R.F.  
Holgate LG. Wood GG.  
Holloway Mr & Mrs Winkles J.F.  
Hodder Mrs A.E. Woods Dr. & Mrs  
Hammer Mrs F. F.L.  
Innes Capt. F. Ward J.G.  
Joseph E.M. Walker Mr & Mrs S.  
Lloyd G.T. Watson Col. J.N.  
Laurie C. Waters V.P.  
Longfield S. Yap A.K.F.  
Mann Mr. R.K.

**Grand Hotel**

Abercrombie J.C. Massanyi Mrs  
Amcott C.R. McLaren L.  
Booth C.H. Morrow James  
Craw A.B. Moyes W.M.  
Dunrich A. Phillips F.  
Dr. D. Reynold C.W.  
Dry P.S. Smith E.  
George L.E. Smith J.  
Grant J. Stanton J.R.S.  
Henne F.G. Stodd M.-&- Mrs J.B.  
James E. Thorpe H.F.  
Kleck J. & Wright H.  
Lawrie W. Wright S.H.  
Mantiero J.

**Peak Hotel**

Armstrong W. Mrs. Johns Mrs. T.J.  
Bowler Mrs. Jones Mrs. R.  
Carrington Mr. & Mrs. Martin Mrs. J.A.  
Mrs. B. Martin Mrs. W.W.  
Mrs. F.W. Martin Mrs. J.A.  
Carrill Mr. & Mrs. DC Perkins T.L.  
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## COMMERCIAL

SHARE REPORT  
COMPARATIVE SHARE QUOTATIONS.

South Manchuria Railway.  
The South Manchuria Railway Company is reported to be contemplating the inauguration of iron and steel works in Manchuria.

Electrical Materials for  
Chia-wang-tao.

Electrical material imported  
into Chia-wang-tao for the quarter  
ended June 30, 1911, were valued  
at Tls. 4,296 and for the same  
quarter in 1910 at Tls. 9,079 being  
more than twice the value.

Queensland Sugar Yield.  
Brisbane, Nov. 8.—Mr. Easterly,  
general manager of the Sugar  
Experiment Station, states that  
the approximate estimate of this  
season's yield of sugar in Queens-  
land was 136,000 tons. Most of  
the sugar districts were suffering  
severely from drought.

An American-Chinese Bank.  
Word has been received in  
Manila from reliable sources that  
the American-Chinese Banking  
Corporation has been organised  
in the United States and will  
establish banking institutions in  
the Orient.

According to reports received  
from some of the Boston incor-  
poration, enthusiasm for this new  
financial venture has been some-  
what diminished by the political  
situation in China and the with-  
drawal of the Pacific Mail steam-  
ship company. Matters have  
progressed so far, however, that  
the new banking corporation will  
commence operations in the near  
future.

Currency Reform in China.  
Satisfactory progress in the re-  
demption of paper currency in the  
Provinces of Kueichow and Sze-  
chuan has been reported to the  
Ministry of Finance, says the  
*Peking Daily News*. Altogether  
eight series of notes of various  
denominations ranging from 10 to  
10 cents have been withdrawn  
and redeemed through the agency  
of the Bank of China. The total  
value of the notes so withdrawn  
from circulation amounts to the  
sum of \$119,000. The work of re-  
demption was conducted under  
the supervision of an official dele-  
gated by the provincial financial  
commissioner and was carried out  
to the complete satisfaction of the  
commercial public. The third  
installment of the redemption of  
the military notes was also accom-  
plished in Szechuan. \$400,000  
worth of such notes have been  
withdrawn and were destroyed in  
public. In face of all difficulties  
currency reform is gradually  
being effected throughout the  
country, as proven in the case of  
the above two reports from the  
provinces of Kueichow and  
Szechuan.

Canadian Wheat Crop.  
Alberta's wheat crop, which is  
now practically all cut, is accord-  
ing to a statement of the Deputy-  
Minister of Agriculture of the  
Province, the largest and best in  
the history of the Province, and  
is worth nearly \$4,000,000. This  
compares with a value of slightly  
more than \$3,000,000 last year.  
While Alberta is a mixed farming  
province, and in a measure owes  
its prosperity to this fact, more  
cereals have been grown this year  
than ever before, and wheat farms  
the larger proportion of the crop.  
In some districts, even in the north  
parts of the province and in the  
Edmonton district, farmers have  
devoted almost all their acreage  
to wheat. In past years some of  
the Alberta wheat crop has been  
used for feed. Now, however,  
since the entire crop will be  
sold and exported from the pro-  
vince. The remarkably good  
crops of oats and other feed  
grains are contributory factors in  
this situation. Another reason  
for the very large wheat crop is  
the higher yield per acre. The  
farmers of the province are emi-  
nently satisfied with the results  
of their year's work, and the pros-  
perity which it means for them is  
being reflected in improved  
economic conditions all round.

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Banks	a	\$800	all	880-140	700	Oct. 14/11 rec'd. 700 div.	Final at 1/3 5/16 equal to \$34.21 for 1/2 year 30/6/11
H'kong & Shar Banking Corp.	b	120,000	325	all	880-140	700 Oct. 14/11 rec'd. 700 div.	Final at 1/3 5/16 equal to \$34.21 for 1/2 year 30/6/11
Marine Insurance.		10,000	300	39	330 Dec. 30/10	305 Oct. 14/11	Final of \$4 a/c 1911. Interim of \$18 a/c 1914.
Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.	a	10,000	215	50	145 May 10/11	138 Jan. 17/11	Final of 1% p.c. making \$5 p.c. for 1914.
North China Inv. Co., Ltd.	a	10,000	215	50	145 May 10/11	138 Jan. 17/11	Final of \$20 and bonus of \$5 making \$25 for 1913 and Interim of \$30 for 1914.
Union Inv. Society of Chen, Ltd.	a	12,100	4250	100	847 April 19/11	700 Oct. 14/11	Final of \$15 mak. \$18 for 1913 & Int. of \$3 for 1914
Yangtze Inv. Assoc. Ltd.	a	12,000	2100	60	270 April 19/11	270 April 19/11	Final of \$15 mak. \$18 for 1913 & Int. of \$3 for 1914
Fire Insurance.		30,000	100	20	180 July 10/11	140 Oct. 14/11	88 for 1913
China Fire Inv. Co.	b	3,000	250	50	335 Feb. 30/11	308 April 19/11	88 for 1913
H'kong Fire Inv. Co.	b	3,000	250	50	335 Feb. 30/11	308 April 19/11	88 for 1913
Shipping.		20,000	350	all	36 Mar. 27/11	27 Nov. 30/11	\$44 for year ending 30/6/15
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	a	20,000	350	all	36 Mar. 27/11	27 Nov. 30/11	Final of 40 cts. making 80 cts. for year ending 31/12/14
Hongkong C. & M.S.C. Co.	a	80,000	15	all	29/11 Jan. 22	Dec. 30	1% p.c. for 1914
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.	a	60,000	35	all	79 Jan. 30	Sept. 16/11	Final of \$20 and bonus of \$5 making \$25 for 1913 and Interim of \$30 for 1914.
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.	b	60,000	35	all	79 Jan. 30	Sept. 16/11	Final of \$20 and bonus of \$5 making \$25 for 1913 and Interim of \$30 for 1914.
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	b	3,797,610	51	all	106 Feb. 70/11	Sept. 30/11 x div. 30/11	Final of 5% (Coupon No. 24) making 7% for 1914
Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	a	40,000	10	all	48 Mar. 40	Nov. 30	88 for 1913
Refining.		30,000	800	all	38 Feb. 70/11	Nov. 30	88 for 1913
China S. Refining Co., Ltd.	b	3,000	800	all	31 July 17	Dec. 45	88 for 1913
East S. Refining Co., Ltd.	a	3,000	800	all	31 July 17	Dec. 45	88 for 1913
Mining.		1,000,000	51	all	41 Feb. 33/11	Dec. 30/11	Interim of 1/2 account year ending 30/6/15 (Coupon No. 5.)
Rub. Australian Gold Min. Eng. Co., Ltd.	a	300,000	21	all	310 Jan. 19/11	Nov. 4	88 for 1909
Tromoh Mines Ltd.	a	168,000	21	all	35/11 Feb. 19/11	Nov. 22/11	1/4 interim a/c 1915 paid 12.715
Urals Caspian	a	798,000	21	all	56/6 Dec. 21/11	37/6 Dec. 21/11	1/4 interim 1915
Docks, Wharves and Godowns etc.		10,000,000	51	all	41 Feb. 33/11	Dec. 30/11	Interest of 1/2 account year ending 30/6/15 (Coupon No. 5.)
H'kong & K.W. & G. Co., Ltd.	b	30,000	350	all	89 Jan. 73	Nov. 31/11	\$3.50 for year 1914
H'kong & W. & D. Co., Ltd.	b	30,000	350	all	77 Jan. 53	Oct. 31/11	\$3 dividend for year 1914
Singapore Distilleries Co., Ltd.	b	55,700	100	all	55 Jan. 50	Dec. 63/11 x div. 30/11	88 for year ending 30/6/15
Oral & H'kong W. Co., Ltd.	b	38,000	100	all	109 Jan. 83/11	Dec. 30/11	88 for 1914
Lands, Metals and Buildings.		15,000	100	700	—	—	88 for year ending 29/2/14
Anglo French Lands	a	15,000	100	700	—	—	88 for half year ending 30/6/15
H'kong Hotel Co., Ltd.	b	30,000	350	50	128 July 120	Dec. 116	88 for year ending 29/2/14
H'kong Land Investment Co.	a	50,000	300	all	117/2 July 98	Nov. 111 div. 108	88 for year ending 30/6/15.
H'kong Estates & F. Co., Ltd.	b	150,000	300	all	92/4 Jan. 7	Nov. 74	88 for year 1914
H'kong Land & Building Co., Ltd.	b	6,000	350	50	44 Feb. 40	40	88 for year 1914
Shanghai Lands	a	78,000	150	all	98 Dec. 39	Oct. 106	Dividend of 6 p.c. for 1 year ending 30/6/15
West Point Building Co., Ltd.	b	12,000	350	all	73 June 66	Feb. 103	88 for half year ending 30/6/15.
H'kong Central Estates	b	10,000	350	all	—	100	88 for 7 months ending 31/12/14
Cotton Mills.		20,000	350	all	128 July 125	May 180	88 for year ending 31/10/15
Two Cotton S. & W. Co., Ltd.	b	20,000	350	all	142 Jan. 11	May 17	88 for year ending 31/10/14
Kung Yik	a	75,000	110	all	142 Jan. 11	May 17	88 for year ending 31/10/14
Leou Kang Mow	a	8,000	110	all	110 Feb. 20	May 19	88 for year 1913
Shanghai Cotton	a	40,000	150	all	135 Feb. 70	Nov. 185	Dividend of 8% for year ending 30/6/15
Yangtzepoos	a	175,000	15	all	—	64	88 for year ending 30/6/15
China Borneo Company, Ltd.	a	60,000	35	all	12 May 10	Dec. 10	88 cents for 1914
China Light & Power Co., Ltd.	b	4,430	5	all	450 July 4	April 4/4	6% for year ending 28/2/06
Do. (Spec. shares)	a	50,000	31	all	—	—	70 cts. for 1914
China Prov. L. & M. Co., Ltd.	a	125,000	410	all	9 Jan. 7	Nov. 10/11	88 for 1914
Dairy Farm Company, Ltd.	a	40,000	74	6	33 June 35	Aug. 34	88 for year ending 31/7/15
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	a	400,000	310	all	6/9 Jan. 5	Dec. 11	50 cts. for 1914.
Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	a	66,000	310	all	6/9 Jan. 36	Nov. 45	88 for year 1914.
Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd.	a	6,500	225	all	49 Jan. 174	Dec. 198	Interim of \$2 account 1915
Hongkong Hope Mfg. Co., Ltd.	a	64,000	310	all	25 June 22	Apr. 48	Interim for year ending 30/6/15.
Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd.	b	325,000	5/—	all	7/4 July 7/4	Feb. 5/0	88 for 1914
Langkawi	b	250,000	310	all	64/2 Mar. 28	Dec. 42	88 for year 1914
Peak Tramway Co., Ltd. (Old)	b	25,000	310	all	10/16 Jan. 9/4	June 10	88 for year 1914
Do. (New) 85 cts.	b	50,000	310	all	53/4 Jan. 7/4	Dec. 81	88 for year 1914
Philippines Id.	a	75,000	310	all	—	—	88 for year 1910
H. Price & Co., Ltd.	b	12,000	310	10	—	5	88 for year 1910
Societes du Tonkin	a	13,200	350	all	—	20	None
Steam Laundry Co., Ltd.	a	20,100	35	all	5/6 June 4	Nov. 31	88 for year ending 31/5/15
Union Water-boat Co., Ltd.	a	27,723	110	all	22/4 Feb. 17	Jan. 18	88 for year ending 31/12/14
Watson and Co., Ltd.	a	90,000	310	all	8/4 April 6/0	Dec. 6/50 x div. 6/4	88 for year 1914
William Powell, Limited	a	81,000	37	all	9/4 Jan. 6/4	Dec. 7	88 for year 1914
S.C. Morning Post	a	829	b.	6,0			

